

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| <p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p> | <p>FROM: Name: Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (Public Agency) Address: 31315 Chaney St. Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 Telephone: (951) 674-3146</p> |
| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk: County of Riverside Address: 2720 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507</p> | |

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| 1. Project Title: | Upsize Blending Line at Diamond |
| 2. Project Applicant: | Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) |
| 3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name): | Along Diamond Drive between Summerly Place and Hawthorn in the City of Lake Elsinore (See Location Map). The Project is located within Township 6 South, Range 4 West, Sections 16 and 21, San Bernardino Base Meridian. |
| 4. (a) Project Location – City: Lake Elsinore | (b) Project Location – County: County of Riverside |
| 5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project: | <p>The Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) operates a diverse potable water distribution system that involves groundwater wells, in addition to surface and imported water supplies. Water produced from some of the groundwater wells may exceed the notification, response, or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for certain constituents and must be treated and/or blended with water from other sources to meet drinking water standards.</p> <p>EVMWD utilizes the Blending Line at Diamond to treat water that exceeds MCLs and or established notification/response levels for arsenic, vanadium, and PFAS in compliance with regulatory requirements. Due to continuing changes in water quality regulations, EVMWD needs the ability to increase the volume of water that can be delivered through the blending line.</p> <p>The Upsize Blending Line at Diamond Project proposes to upsize approximately 3,000 feet of 12-inch pipe to 20-inch located between Summerly Well and Diamond Well along Diamond Drive. The Project will benefit the customers of EVMWD by improving the operational flexibility and reliability of EVMWD’s water distribution system.</p> |
| 6. Name of Public Agency approving project: | Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District |
| 7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, | Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District |

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| permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity: | |
| 8. Exempt status: (check one) | |
| (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project. | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268) |
| (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project. | State CEQA Guidelines 15050(c)(2)-(3) |
| (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a)) |
| (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project. | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c)) |
| (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: | |
| (f) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number: | § 21080.21 – Application of Division to Public Right-of-Way Pipeline Projects Less Than One Mile in Length |
| (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation: | |
| 9. Reason why project was exempt: | The Project is statutorily exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Statute Section 21080.21 (CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(k) – Other Statutory Exemptions), which exempts from CEQA “any project of less than one mile in length within a public street or highway or any other public right-of-way for the installation of a new pipeline or the maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline.” The Project entails construction within the public right-of-way that will allow the District to repair and replace an existing subsurface pipeline that is less than one mile in length and that is within an existing public right-of-way. The Project thus falls squarely within this statutory exemption. |
| 10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone: | Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Andrea Kraft, Associate Engineer (951) 674-3146 |
| 11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form “B”) before filing. | |
| 12. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: | |

Parag Kalaria
Signature

Date: 05/23/2024

Parag Kalaria
Name

Title: Interim Director of Engineering and Water Resources

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION

(If Notice of Exemption filed by Project Applicant, Project Applicant must Attach to Notice of Exemption)

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| 3. Entity or person undertaking project: | A. Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) | |
| | B. Other (Private) | |
| | (1) Name | |
| | (2) Address | 31315 Chaney St. Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 |
| 4. Staff Determination: | <p>The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Lead Agency's Local Guidelines for Implementing CEQA has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:</p> | |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> | The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA. | |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> | The project is a Ministerial Project. | |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> | The project is an Emergency Project. | |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> | The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study. | |
| e. <input type="checkbox"/> | The project is categorically exempt. | |
| | Applicable Exemption Class: | |
| f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The project is statutorily exempt. | |
| | Applicable Exemption: | Public Resources Code, § 21080.21 – Application of Division to Public Right-of-Way Pipeline Projects Less Than One Mile in Length |
| g. <input type="checkbox"/> | The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis: | |
| h. <input type="checkbox"/> | The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency. | |
| | Name of Lead Agency: | |

Date: 05/23/2024

Parag Kalaria

Staff: Parag Kalaria, Interim Director of Engineering and Water Resources

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